

**ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE**

Novel proteins of the present invention that have an organic anion transport activity are useful as, for example, a diagnostic marker for kidney diseases, liver  
5 diseases, pancreas diseases, immunological diseases associated with thymus failures, reproductive diseases, digestive diseases, spleen diseases, cancer, respiratory diseases, myelitis, diabetes, hypertension, reperfusion injury following ischemia, retinitis, central nervous diseases, skin diseases, thyroid hormone-associated diseases, etc. Compounds that promote or inhibit the activity of the above protein, which are  
10 obtained by a screening method using the protein, can be used as, for example, prophylactic/therapeutic agents for the above-described diseases.